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WEATHER FORECAST
[FAIR]
Barometer 29.43

December 31, 1913, Temperature a.m. 46, p.m. 55
Humidity " 34, " 21

December 30, 1912, Temperature a.m. 55, p.m. 61
Humidity " 64, " 53

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TELEGRAMS.

THE TEST MATCH.

ENGLAND WIN AGAIN.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]
London, Received December 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Johannesburg states that in the second Test Match England beat South Africa by an innings and 12 runs.
The South Africans carried their second innings' score to 231, Nourse knocking up 53.
Barnes took nine wickets for 103.

TURKEY AND GREECE.

FRESH CONFLICT FEARED.

London, Received December 31.
The purchase by Turkey of a Dreadnought which is being built at Elswick for Brazil has caused a stir, as the warship is one of the most powerful in the world.
The purchase entirely alters the aspect of Turco-Greek naval rivalry, and it is feared that there will be a fresh conflict over the Aegean Islands.
The price is said to be between two and three million sterling, and the first instalment will be paid from money borrowed in France.

SAFETY AT SEA.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

London, Received December 30.
The International Conference on safety at sea, which was called as a result of the Titanic disaster, is still sitting in London. The proceedings are being held in camera, but an American delegate named Fenwick, who resigned as a protest against some of the decisions, says that the Appliances Committee decided that boats for 75 per cent. of the persons aboard would be sufficient, with rafts for the remainder. They refused to accept the suggestion that all passenger tickets should state whether or not the vessel carried boats sufficient for all, and deferred the requirement for various improvements to davits, etc., until 1920. Resolutions defining the need for efficient boat hands, and the fixing of each boat be considered to be most unsatisfactory.

SHACKLETON EXPEDITION.

THE PLANS OUTLINED.

London, Received December 30.
In regard to the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914, which Sir Ernest Shackleton has definitely announced that he will lead, Sir Ernest, in an interview with a representative of Reuter's Agency stated that there will be two ships engaged in the expedition. One will travel via New Zealand in August, and the other will go by way of South America in October. "The total staff will only amount to thirty, as the vessels will be oil-driven. Frank Wild will be second in command, and there will be six picked men to accompany me across the Continent. Altogether the staff, apart from those for the ships, will be about a dozen, and there will also be a biologist, geologist, and a physicist for each ship. My plan is to cross the Antarctic from the Weddell Sea to Ross Sea, which is the biggest polar journey ever attempted. It will possibly be accomplished in five months. The first eight hundred miles will be quite a new route, but with luck, the whole journey of 1,700 miles will be new ground."

TELEGRAMS.

MAWSON EXPEDITION.

SUCCESS WITH WIRELESS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]
London, Received December 31.
Professor David, of the Mawson Expedition, has arrived in London.
Interviewed by a Reuter's representative, he stated that he received a wireless message from the Aurora on the point of leaving Macquarie Island for the Antarctic to pick up Dr. Mawson, who is expected to reach Australia by the end of February. Wireless telegraphy had been a huge success, and consequently the Commonwealth Government would maintain the Macquarie Island station.
Dr. Mawson had done continuous scientific work. His magnetic records would be of unique value, as he had made absolutely simultaneous observations between Melbourne and the Antarctic. Dr. Mawson's researches regarding storm forces would save many shipwrecks in the future.

MONTREAL'S FLIGHT.

FIRE BREAKS OUT.

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's Montreal correspondent states that the fears that fire might break out and do serious damage through the lack of water have been realised.
A fire broke out and spread from block to block until twenty buildings were destroyed before it was got under control.
Hose had to be carried half a mile to the River St. Lawrence, and then only a feeble stream was obtained.
The damage done by the fire is estimated at a million dollars (gold).

A STEAMER'S FLIGHT.

London, Received December 30.
Reuter's Melbourne correspondent says a wireless message the Tasman (ashore in the Gulf of Papua) states that there were 15 feet of water in the hold, and it was gaining rapidly. The rescue steamers had not arrived.

Safe.

London, Received December 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that the Tasman is safe. A Japanese liner is towing her and she is expected to keep afloat.

THE NEW GUINEA OUTRAGE.

GERMANS NOT INJURED.

London, Received December 31.
Reuter's Berlin correspondent states that details of the attack on a scientific expedition by cannibals at Neu Mackenburgh (New Guinea) show that the natives attacked the expedition and killed five native soldiers and four bearers. The Germans, Herr Deininger and Herr Kompf were not injured.

CHARGE OF BLACKMAIL.

MR. SIEVIER COMMITTED.

London, Received December 31.
At Bow Street Police Court, the well-known sporting journalist Mr. Robert Sievier, was committed for trial to the Old Bailey on a charge of blackmail on a book-maker.
He was granted bail in £100.

TELEGRAMS.

EUROPEAN POLITICS.

SITUATION EXPLAINED.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]
London, Received December 30.
The reply of the Powers of the Triple to Sir Edward Grey's note has not yet been presented owing to the holidays.
A conference of the Ambassadors of the Triple will be held this evening upon the return of M. Lichnowsky to London regarding the time and method of the presentation. It is explained that having regard to the fact that the Aegean Islands are not mentioned in the reply, and that in view of the premature revelation of the terms of Sir Edward Grey's note, it was considered well that a reply regarding one part of the proposal should not be delayed until the Ambassadors of the Triple had concluded their discussions of the other part.

A NEW AUTOMATIC GUN.

Successful Demonstration at Bisle.

At the invitation of the Birmingham Small Arms Company a party of about 150, which included representatives of foreign Governments, the War Office, and the Admiralty, journeyed to Bisle to witness a demonstration and the firing of an automatic machine-gun which has been designed by Colonel I. N. Lewis, formerly of the United States Army.
More than ordinary interest is at the moment being taken in machine-guns in Great Britain for it is known that the Admiralty is on the look-out for a new weapon, while the War Office is still experimenting with a view to finding one suitable for use with aeroplanes. There are several patterns on the market, and the chief technical difficulties in their design may be said to relate to the cooling arrangements and the feeding of the cartridges into the chamber. For the purpose of the former water is usually employed, but this procedure has certain objections, not the least being the difficulty of replenishment at any given moment. Colonel Lewis has therefore adopted the principle of air-cooling which he effects by fixing on the barrel a close-fitting jacket of aluminium with radiating longitudinal fins, surrounding which is a thin tubular steel casing some four inches in diameter. This casing extends beyond the muzzle of the jacketed barrel, and as the gases of explosion emerge behind the bullet they act in the manner of a pump plunger inside the extension and suck currents of fresh, cool air through the longitudinal passages formed by the above-mentioned fins on the exterior of the barrel. Aluminium being a far better conductor than steel, the heat from the barrel is conveyed rapidly into the fins and thence is carried away by the continuous air currents. It is found that during the first few hundred rounds the temperature rapidly rises to 330 degrees Fahr., and that then it mounts more slowly, until at the end of 1,000 rounds of rapid fire, it does not exceed 448 degrees. The other principal interest of the Lewis gun centres in the feed mechanism, which has been specially designed to avoid jamming. It consists of a balanced rotary magazine in which the cartridges are placed radially, and which is quickly and easily substituted when empty. The weight of the gun is only 26½ lb., it is gas-operated, it can be assembled or dismounted in 30 sec., with no other tool than the point of a bullet, and the recoil is remarkably small. The normal rate of fire is 500 rounds per minute, and this can be varied by adjustment of the gas inlet port.

TELEGRAMS.

SWEDEN'S LOSS.

QUEEN DOWAGER DEAD.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]
London, Received December 31.
Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm states that the Queen Dowager of Sweden has died suddenly of inflammation of the lungs.

SUFFRAGIST OUTRAGES.

A YEAR'S DAMAGE.

London, Received December 30.
The total losses sustained by suffragist outrages during the year is estimated to exceed half a million pounds.

UNITED NIGERIA.

SIR FREDERICK LUGARD GOVERNOR.

London, Received December 31.
The Gazette announces the amalgamation of Northern and Southern Nigeria.
Sir Frederick Lugard (formerly Governor of Hongkong) is gazetted Governor General.
Mr. A. G. Boyle (formerly Colonial Secretary for Southern Nigeria) and Mr. O. L. Temple (formerly Chief Secretary for Northern Nigeria) are gazetted respectively Lieutenant Governor of Southern and Northern Nigeria.
Sir E. A. Speed, formerly Chief Justice of Northern Nigeria, is made Chief Justice of Nigeria on the amalgamation of the two Supreme Courts.
The amalgamation involves the establishment of a Nigerian Council consisting of various official members and seven Unofficials, of whom three will be nominated by the Chambers of Commerce and Mines and four by the Governor. Six natives will be nominated by the Governor. The Governor only gives effect to Council resolutions if he thinks fit.

The gun was tested both for rapidity and accuracy, and it acquitted itself exceedingly well. It was also fired from an aeroplane which was flown over the Shikl-down Ranges and a high percentage of his was recorded on a white sheet placed on the ground. This, however, was merely a demonstration of the accuracy of the firer under unusual conditions, as the aeroplane was one of early design and consequently the flight could throw no light on the various problems connected with this form of attack. Interest was with the weapon, which through-out behaved admirably and is undoubtedly a machine-gun with a future in front of it. Its simplicity when taken to pieces is very noticeable, and the feeding arrangement worked perfectly. Whether its construction is suitable to the strain and knocking about which it would receive on service could not be of course be tested, but there seems no reason to doubt that it would not survive this ordeal. It remains to add that the pack equipment in which two guns are carried on a mule is a peculiarly neat one.

Date Fixed.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Comptz, the Sun Yee shing sued Ipka for the sum of \$729.13. Mr. Heywood (Mr. L. D'Almeida Castro) appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Buss, of Messrs. Goldring and Russ, appeared for the defendant. The case was fixed for hearing on Tuesday morning next.

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN UNREST.

BRITISH PRECAUTIONS.

[Reuter's Service To The "Telegraph."]
London, Received December 30.
H.M.S. Lancaster has landed bluejackets and marines at British Honduras to prevent armed Mexicans crossing the frontier and gun-running.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONY.

London and Switzerland.

Arrangements for direct telephonic communication between London and Switzerland are now in an advanced stage. The necessary agreement has been signed by the British and French Governments and is expected to be signed on behalf of Switzerland at an early date. When that is done, the organization of the service will be put in hand and London will be placed in communication with Basel and Geneva. It will be a month or two, yet, however, before this service will be open to the public, but experimental talking has shown that no technical difficulty stands in the way. The possibility of placing telephone communication between London and Basel and Geneva on a commercial basis is a direct result of the improved type of loaded telephone cable laid between Dover and Calais last year, which has increased the range over which speech is possible. These are the only Swiss towns to be included in the initial services. There are now four telephone cables laid in the Straits of Dover and a considerable traffic is conducted between London, Paris, and other parts of France. This is likely to increase in the near future, as the scale of charges has been reduced and a zone scale put in force. To Paris and a number of small towns and cities in the first zone, the charge for a three minutes' conversation is now 4s.; to towns in the second zone, of which Lyons is one of the most important, 6s.; and to third zone towns, including Marseilles, Bordeaux, the charge has been reduced to 8s. for three minutes. These are the ordinary day rates. For the service to Switzerland the charge is to be about the same as for the third zone.

Pets to be Destroyed.

Mrs. Sarah Fox Verdie, of Hove, who left £15,949, bequeathed £250 to animal protection societies, and directed that her cat and dog should, as soon as possible after her death, be taken to the lethal chamber at Brighton, New St. Paul's Bridge.

It was announced at a recent meeting of the London City Corporation that the Bridge House Estates Committee proposed to invite British architects to send in designs for the new St. Paul's Bridge. Premiums of £300, £200, and £100 would be offered for the designs placed first, second, and third by the assessor.

Motor Side-car Lights.
With reference to the recent decision of a Divisional Court to the effect that the carrying of rear lights on motor-cycles is required by law, a Local Government Order has been issued amending the terms of the present Motor Cars (Use and Construction) Order, and exempting motor bicycles from the obligation to carry these lights. In the case of motor bicycles to which side-cars are attached, the Order provides that they shall carry either a lamp showing a red light to the rear, or, as an alternative, the device known as a "reflex" light.

TELEGRAMS.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS.

WILL HUERTA ABDICATE?

[Orientalischer Lloyd Service.]
Berlin, Received December 30.
Recent reports from the United States to the effect that President Huerta would abdicate are untrue, but there is a possibility of the Mexican Dictator personally leading the campaign against the rebels as quarrels between his generals have frustrated his success.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

TURKEY AND RUSSIAN.

TROUBLE IN ARMENIA.

Berlin, Received December 30.
The Russo-Turkish frontiers bordering Armenia are in a seditious state. Turkish subjects in Armenia are armed with smuggled Russian weapons.
The Powers are urging an early understanding with the Porte as to reforms.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

THE GERMAN MISSION.

UNDERSTANDING ASSURED.

Berlin, Received December 30.
Regarding the German Military Mission to Turkey an understanding between Germany and Turkey on the one hand and Russia and Turkey on the other is now assured.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

General d'Amade, who is well known for the part he played in the Moroccan campaign, is mentioned as the next French Ambassador to St. Petersburg.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

ARABIAN AUTONOMY.

Berlin, Received December 30.
A report from Cairo states that the Arabian chiefs have initiated common steps for the recognition by Turkey of Arabian autonomy.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

BIG SPANISH FIRE.

Berlin, Received December 30.
A fire at Sebastian, Spain, has destroyed the theatre, circus, barracks and many houses.—Der. Ost. Lloyd.

Warrant Against Ex-President.

The United States Attorney-General, at the request of the Nicaraguan Government, has issued an extradition warrant against ex-President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, who is charged with murder arising from the execution of two Americans, Messrs. Grace and Cannon, in 1909, while Senator Zelaya was dictator of Nicaragua. Senator Zelaya, who recently arrived at wasington from Europe, has now disappeared, and it is believed that he has fled to Canada.

Accountant's Loss.

A Chinese accountant complains that between 10 p.m. yesterday and 5 a.m. this morning someone broke into his verandah, at 12, Queen Victoria Street, and stole a grey woollen overcoat, a grey waistcoat, purse, and three chains, as well as five dollars in twenty cent pieces.

Only a Chimney.

A small fire broke out last evening at about six o'clock at No. 11, Lok Hing Lane. The Fire Brigade turned out, but on arrival it was found that only a chimney was on fire and that their services were not required. The damage was infinitesimal.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

CONDENSED.

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The fears of fire during the Montreal water-famine have been realized, and 20 buildings were destroyed.

A stir has been caused in naval circles by Turkey purchasing a Dreadnought being built at Elswick for Brazil.

The International Conference on "Safety at Sea," convened as a result of the Titanic disaster, is still sitting in London.

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NEWS.

An interesting letter by a boy blogger appears in this issue.

The review of the year is concluded to-day on an extra and on page 2.

The case against the China Outlook was mentioned in the Summary Court to-day.

A report of yesterday's Sanitary Board meeting appears on page 4 of to-day's issue.

Log book appears on page 6 to-day, commercial notes on pages 8 and 9, and Our Contemporaries on page 2.

A marine named William Cox died at the Naval Hospital yesterday, following a fall over a cliff at Stonecutters.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

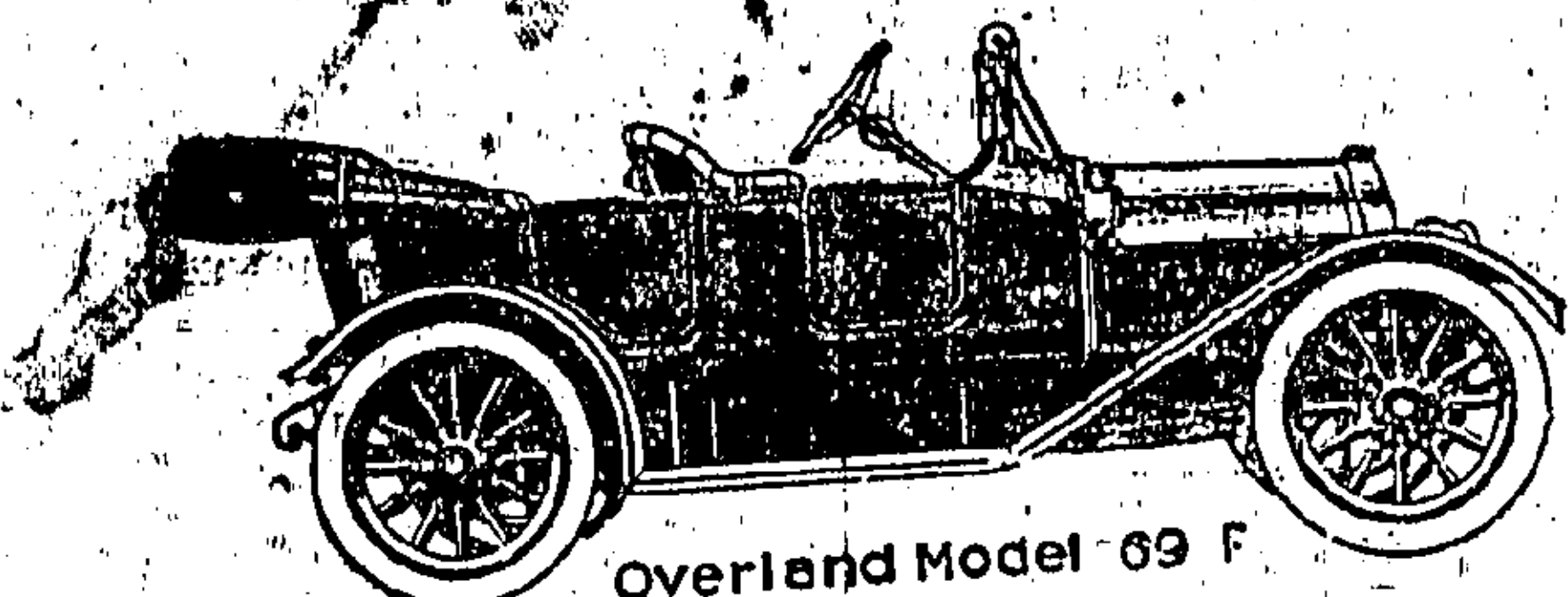
Victoria Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Scenic Theatre, 9.15 p.m.
Kowloon Dock Ball—9 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Children's Sports, Kowloon.
Friday January 2.
Taikoo Club Ball—8.45 p.m.
Monday January 5.
Peak School Opens.
Tuesday, January 6.
G. Fenwick and Co. Ltd., in liquidation—General meeting of shareholders, No. 5, Queen's Road Central—noon.
Friday January 9.
Volunteers go into Camp.
Organ Recital: St. John's Cathedral—5.30.
Friday January 16.
Engineers' Ball, City Hall—9 p.m.
Saturday January 17.
Entries close for Hongkong Races.
Monday January 20.
Chinese New Year.

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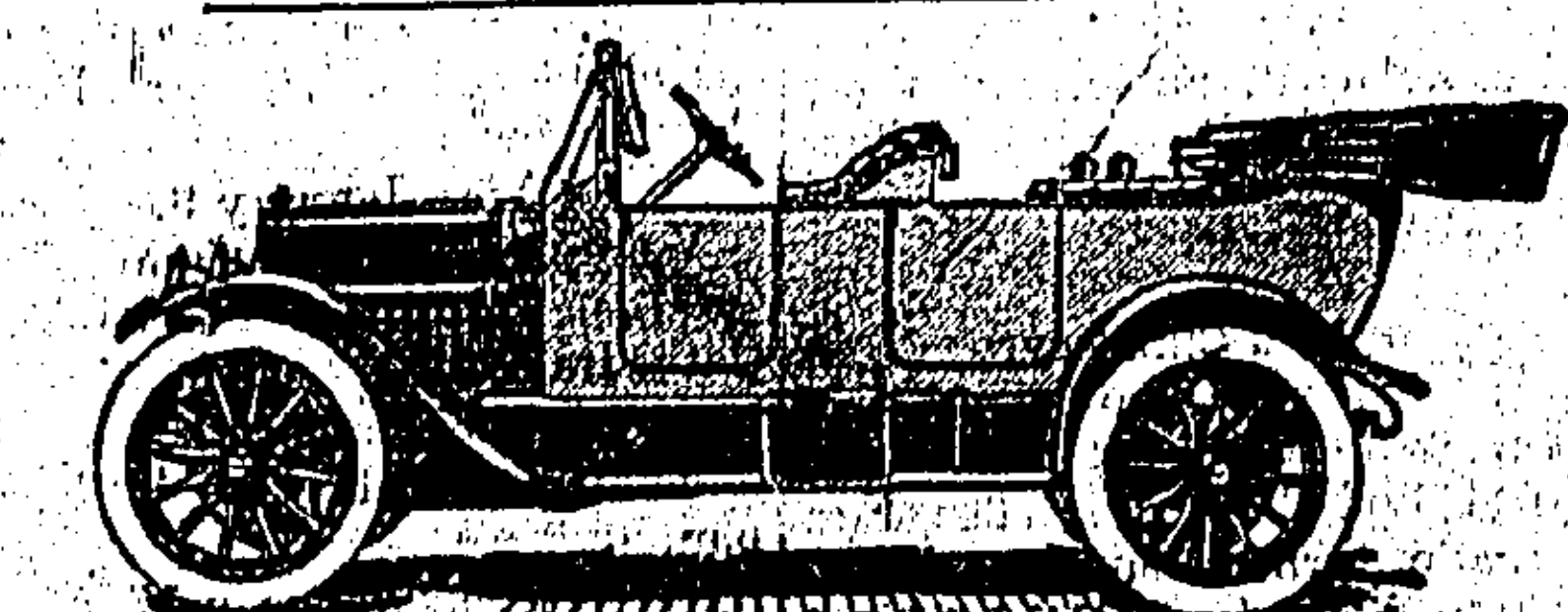
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South China Morning Post.

Huerta on the Warpath.
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Government might be compratively
easy, but this would not in
the least remedy the situation.
More than likely the subjugation
of the Federal forces would serve
for the moment to increase law-
lessness and further endanger the
lives and property of foreigners.
Having disposed of Huerta,
the next problem, in all
probability, would be Carranza
and his following. Huerta
claims to have an army of
80,000 men, widely scattered
and possibly not more than two-
thirds of them trained troops.
Carranza's force is computed at
about the same number, even
more widely scattered and with
less experience of disciplined
warfare. Taking all the facts
into consideration, the United
States army has no picnic in
prospect if it intervenes in
Mexico, and General Victoriano
Huerta realises this in tabling
his last card and himself buck-
ling on the sword of leadership.

Daily Press.

A Disappointing Year.
The year 1913 now drawing to
its close has been a disappointing
one in many respects. So far as
China is concerned, though a
glance backward over the polit-
ical events of the last twelve
months leaves us with a streng-
thened confidence in the im-
mediate future of China. When
the year dawned with prepara-
tions in progress for the election of
the Parliament and the ending of the
"Provisional Government," many
imagined that the whole adminis-
tration of China would be reformed
root and branch, and the "era
of construction," about which we
had heard so much, would set in
with a rush. The desire for reform
was ardent and universal, but while
everybody proclaimed himself a
Republican it was patent that no
common understanding existed
as to how republican government
in China was to be attained. On
the one hand there was Young
China led by Dr. Sun Yat-sen,
Huang Hsing and others strugg-
ling to fit on to China a ready-
made constitution borrowed from
the United States, and on the
other hand we had the more
conservative element represented
by Yuan Shih-kai, and most of
the experienced administrators
in China, watching dubiously
the outcome of the great experi-
ment Young China, led by the
student class, was valiantly
making.

China Mail.

Mexican Affairs.
Having regard to the possibility
of a conflict between the two
countries, particulars as to the
forces of Mexico are interesting.
The army is recruited by volun-
teer enlistment for terms of three,
four, and five years, supplemented
by conscription, which falls en-
tirely on the poorest classes. In
time of peace the army consists
of thirty battalions of infantry,
eighteen regiments of cavalry, one
regiment of horse artillery, two
regiments of field artillery, and
one of mountain guns, two bat-
talions of garrison artillery, one
of engineers, and some minor
units. On mobilisation these are
increased, the war strength being
supposed to be 84,000 of all ranks,
although it is doubtful whether
the number really exceeds 50,000.
The total peace strength of the
Mexican forces in 1912 was 107
generals, 6,236 officers, and 49,332
men. The military budget of
Mexico for the years 1910-11
amounted to \$2,178,000. The navy
consists of five gunboats and a
couple of armed transports. In
1912 there were 15,804 miles of
railway open, of varying gauge.
There were, further, 1,100 miles
in course of construction. The
Federal telegraph lines were 46,
437 miles, exclusive of others
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and private persons, while the
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1913 IN RETROSPECT.

(Continued from Extra)

the Chinese Government to further imports, and at one time there were as many as 30,000 chests in Hongkong. The present situation so far as stocks are concerned is revealed by the following figures, showing in chests the extent of the holdings in Hongkong, and Shanghai:—Malwa, 1,950 chests in Hongkong and 5,800 in Shanghai; Bengal, 1,800 in Hongkong and 4,600 in Shanghai; a total of 14,150 chests. There are 225 chests on the way, making the figure at the end of the year 14,375 chests. The stocks are being worked off gradually, and it will take about a year for the total holdings to go into consumption, after which the trade will come to an absolute end.

In uncertified opium the Indian Government is selling 14,200 chests next year against 9,000 this year. The price has declined considerably in this department, and this will likely encourage smuggling into China, the difference in the price of the certified and the uncertified drug being enormous.

Kerosene.

Prices have ruled high in South China during the year, with a very slight gain in percentage over the previous period. This state of affairs is due to the falling off of the output in the producing fields of Russia, the high prices prevailing for crude oil in America and points in the Far East, and high rates of freight from America to the Far East, owing to the scarcity of tonnage.

The above conditions, coupled with the unrest of the people and the attempt to overthrow the present Chinese Government, pirates in the deltas of the Canton river, the high rates of exchange on small coins, and, at one time, a refusal by traders to take paper money, have possibly prevented what might have been an otherwise large increase in consumption of this commodity. Competition is still keen among the rival Companies, and a new factor has appeared in the field—the Texas Oil Co.

Flour.

The unrest in China had a distinctly bad effect on the flour trade, and dealers complain of losses. Importers were disinclined to send goods into the interior, and the consequence was that large stocks accumulated here. In the first quarter of the year there were about 1,141,780 sacks imported, in the second about 1,544,695, in the third about 1,500,000, while from October to the present the figure was about 800,000 sacks. In August business looked rather more hopeful, but movements did not turn up to expectations. Business at the moment is quiet, but while prices in America are advancing, local prices are steady. Of the stocks imported into Hongkong about 300,000 sacks come from Australia and the greater bulk of the rest from America.

Rattan.

The rattan furniture business has increased wonderfully during the year, and the demand from England has been especially strong. A new market is opening up in South America, where the principal local firm has established an agency and already sent thither a shipment of 500 sample chairs. It is believed that there are big openings in this trade in the Latin Republics. The exports to Germany have also advanced, and, in spite of duty, a firm hold is being gained on the market there. Trade with South Africa and the United States has also been very brisk, in the latter case due to the reduction in the tariff from 35 to 10 per cent. On the other hand, the trade with Australia has been practically killed by the enhanced tariff, though for "fine" (linen) goods business is satisfactory. A good business has been done with the Coast Ports.

Metals.

There has been no improvement in the hardware business generally during the year, and low prices have prevailed in most departments. There has, how-

ever, been a big business done in yellow metal sheathings, and the price of copper has risen considerably. Lead, though, has fallen during the past two or three months; in fact, lead can be bought cheaper to-day in the local market than at home. There has been a satisfactory business in rail rods, and prices are firm at the present time. The prospects for the future are fairly bright, and if prices rule as high as they now are, no doubt there will be a lot of buying after the Chinese New Year.

Rice.

There have been many ups and downs in the rice market this year. Trade was good early on, but in June and July conditions became worse, prices falling in consequence of the excellent crop in the South. Ever since, the market has been dropping, and though the prospects at the moment are not too rosy, it is hoped that China New Year will be passed without any unduly bad results. Compared with the latter part of last year, business is greater, but the prices prevailing are low.

The recent failures in Bangkok have had a disturbing effect on the market locally, and some of the smaller dealers have been rather badly hit. It is felt, however, that the effects will not be widespread, though we may still expect to hear of one or two small failures. The Bangkok failures were largely due to millers booking forward contracts when the price was low and to the rise in the price of paddy when the contracts fell due. The Singapore crisis was also a contributing factor. As to the future, those mills whose financial position is strong should do more business, while those short of capital will likely find themselves in difficulties. Hitherto the banks at Bangkok have freely advanced money to millers to buy paddy, but in view of the recent failures it is unlikely that they will allow the latitude that they have in this respect in the past.

Indian Sundries.

Prices for imports in the beginning of the year were rather weak, but towards the middle they steadied up and in some lines a good advance was perceptible, notably in almonds, aloe, Angoor, apricots, Bellium, Bezoar stone, bismale, borax, borneal, cloves, peacock's feathers, fennel seeds, gull nuts, halibone, Genda horns, ivory, kiamies, mavej, Bombay onions, patchuck, safflower, saffron, salt-petre, Mauritius sugar and sulphur. The market closes weak. In exports, owing to the fluctuation in exchange, buyers were rather free, and considerable purchases were made in white and green beans, camphor, cassia buds, cassia lignea, China roots, galangal, dry ginger, musmal, preserves, star aniseed, sugar candy, tea, tumeric, vermilion and red-dye. At the close the market is on the weak side.

Silk.

The silk trade generally has been very slack, owing to the financial crisis in India. The crop in China being rather smaller than normal, rates went up enormously high, while owing to the demand from Europe there were only small shipments to India. At the present the Indian market is not too bright, due to the financial troubles; and the demand must depend on the requirements of the Hindus, who are postponing marriages because of the unsettled financial conditions. The prices for raw silk during the year has been well maintained, but that of the manufactured article is still declining. Owing to the lack of demand, shipments to Bombay have been practically suspended at the moment.

Freights.

Freights in the Far East have ruled high during the year, but part of 1913, and owners have all made handsome profits. There was a great scarcity of medium-sized carriers, and plenty of cargo offering, particularly from the Southern rice ports. Coal freights were well above the average, but bean freights from Newchwang were a disappointment. The highest rate paid from Saigon to Hongkong

was 36 cents and from Bangkok 50 to 43 cents, although a small carrier was reported to have secured as much as 65 to 58 cents. There was a good demand from Java to Hongkong from July to November, the average rate paid being about 35 cents per picul. From Moji to this, \$2.10 average; Singapore, \$3.25. Newchwang to Canton, 33 cents average.

December is generally a dull month, and this year closes with a fair amount of tonnage offering and little demand. Failures of native banks at Singapore and Bangkok, combined with depreciation in value of Kwangtung notes, make merchants disinclined to enter into fresh business until after Chinese New Year (January 29). The failure of speculators released five steamers from the Bangkok trade, which had a very depressing effect on the market.

The outlook in the South for the coming year is certainly brighter than that in the North, the rice crops in Siam and Indo-China being good, while those in the Yangtze Valley are much below the average. The number of European boats in Eastern waters is about the same as at the commencement of this year, and there are very few small carriers reported fixed out from Europe, in spite of the slump in rates there. The Japanese, who have bought a very large number of steamers during the past two years, are now seeking employment for them in the South. The majority of their steamers are too large for the coast trade, but on distant runs like Bangkok and Saigon to Japan, owners may expect keen competition from them.

Judging from the very high rates paid for steamers on time charter, merchants in the South seem confident about next year's business being good. Operating expenses on the coast will be higher, the officers having all secured higher wages, and price of bunker coal advanced \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ton.

Cotton and Yarn.

Importers of cotton have had a rather bad year, and Chinese buyers have shown a preference for the Chinese article rather than that from India. Prices for Indian Cotton have ranged from \$35 a picul to \$27, and the market has declined all round. In yarn the market proved very irregular. In the early part of the year, up to April, prices were well maintained, but later, mainly owing to the Second Revolution, purchasers were disinclined to operate freely, and the fall in exchange has not strengthened the rates. The following table shows the sales in the various counts for the past three years:—

Counts.	1911	1912	1913
Bales.	Bales.	Bales.	Bales.
8's	1,000	2,225	2,150
8's	1,000	100	450
10's	34,200	90,800	59,800
12's	19,000	35,050	24,800
18's	5,050	9,150	3,900
20's	18,250	41,375	28,700
Total	75,500	179,000	119,400

The Pearl Necklace Reward.

In competent circles it is stated, says the Central News, that the bulk of the \$10,000 reward offered for information leading to the recovery of Mr. Max Mayer's pearl necklace and the conviction of those concerned in the theft, will go to the informers Brandstetter and Quadraststein. The man Augustus Horne, who picked up the pearls in St. Paul's-road, Highbury, will, of course, also get a share. It is anticipated that about \$3,000 of the \$10,000 offered will be awarded.

Sole of "The Siesta." At Christie's recently "The Siesta," a famous picture by Sir L. Alma-Tadema, painted in 1873, was submitted for sale. It came up in the collection of pictures of the late Mr. O. T. Harris, and was sold by order of the executors for the benefit of the removal fund of King's College Hospital. The panel, which measures 6 1/2 in. by 18 1/2 in., was sold for 105g., a much smaller sum than was anticipated.

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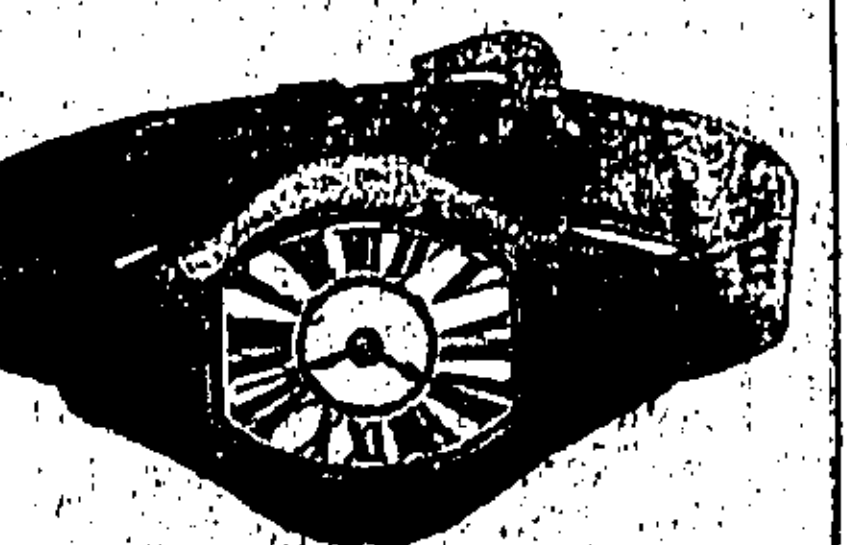
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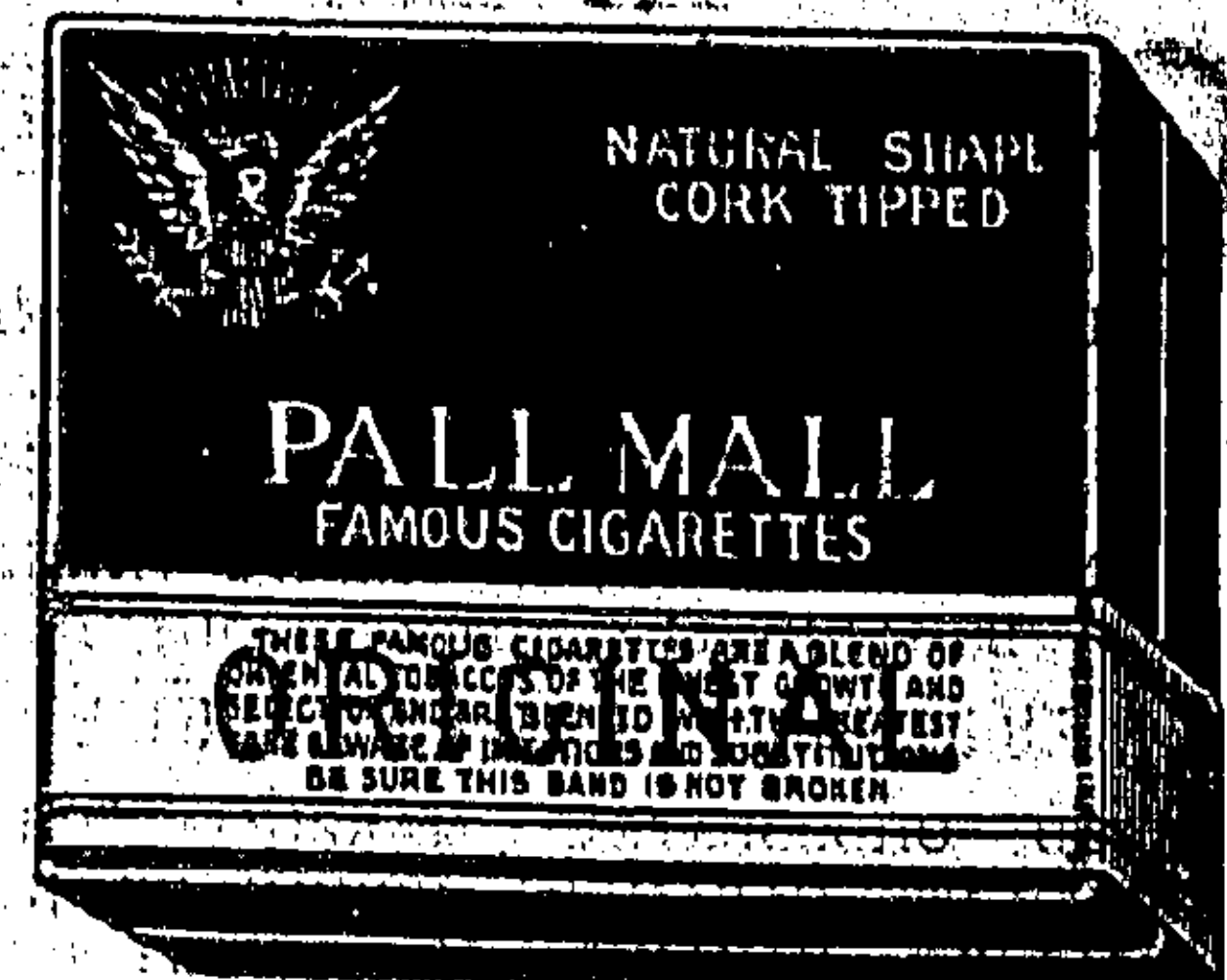


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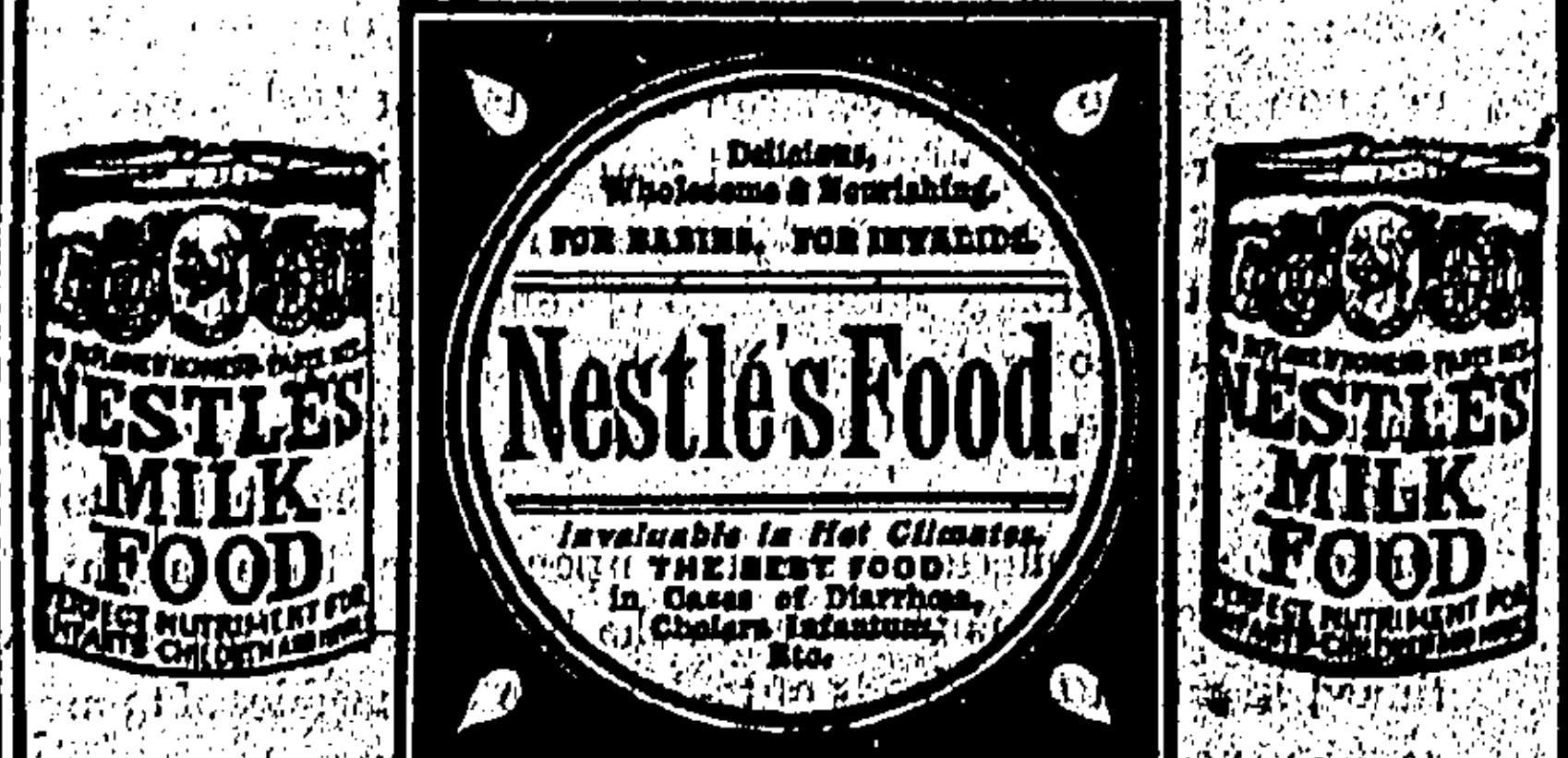
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DEATHS.

SINCA.—On 30th December, 1913, at R. N. Hospital, John Robert, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sinca, aged 17 weeks.

GAMESON.—At the Nursing Home, Singapore, on the 23rd inst. Ronald Eustace Jameson, son of Major Jameson, late M. P. for Co. Clare. Aged 32.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

To-morrow sees the opening of a new year. Every day, of course, opens and closes a year; but people do not generally realise this. Only now and then, when some arbitrary division of time awakens us to a sense of its passing, do we pause and, so to speak, take stock. It is good for men and communities that they should, once in a while, cast an eye backward over the months that have gone, in order that progress may be noted. The world of to-day is a busy and a thronging place. Life is grown more exacting than it was for our parents and because that is so, it is well that, on at least one day in the year, there should be a complete laying aside of worries and a reflection on what has gone past.

The year now closing has held its share of gloom and blackness. Rebellion in China, labour troubles at home, war in Europe—these are the recollections most instant in the mind at the moment. Somehow, it is difficult to glance backward and recall pleasant things which weigh against these events of gloomy countenance, yet it is impossible to help finding good even in these dark records. This, at least, cannot be denied at this season: that the impulse is ever forward. On the threshold of a new year no one, surely, can avoid taking that view. There has been rebellion, wicked and unjustified, in China during the year, but it has led to more stable government, even if it is not the government originally intended, to the end of internecine strife for many years to come, to a more hopeful outlook for China generally. There have been labour troubles at home, but there have also been evidences that the workers are less inclined than before to go on strike, that the sufferings attendant upon strikes have taught them a lesson. There has been war in the Balkans—war fierce and continued in which the friends of to-day were the enemies of to-morrow, as the vane of right and wrong veered and veered again—but a greater and more terrible war, which might have followed, has been avoided.

And so, all along the line, the march is forward. That is a reflection which should greatly cheer us as we enter upon a new year. We hope that, for all our readers, it will prove to be a Happy New Year.

England's Demon Bowler.
The second test match has ended, as seemed practically certain yesterday; in a victory for England. The chief thing about the match is the bowling of Barnes. Eight wickets for 56 runs in the first innings and nine for 103 in the second is a record in a test match. Barnes contracted a chill on the voyage out, but apparently he has recovered entirely from his indisposition. We expect great deeds from Barnes who never seems to worry about the class of batsmen against him. Test players or village batsmen—he skittles them out with equal ease.

The Cycling Nuisance.
Only a few weeks ago reference was made in this column to the danger caused to the public at Kowloon by the recklessness of Chinese youths who have taken to the cycle. There have been more than one or two cases in which children have been knocked down by these aspiring wheelmen, and, in spite of the frequency of the complaints the nuisance is still allowed to persist. Nobody objects to these young cyclists injuring themselves, as most of them do. That is the penalty of learning to ride. But the public asks for protection from these hare-brained individuals, and has a right to have such protection guaranteed. It is high time the police stepped in and instituted a few prosecutions. Any day a good "bag" can easily be obtained.

C. S. P. SUEDE.

Return of a Bag Sought.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the assistant Crown Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the defendant, whilst Mr. Norrington, (Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Hodgson asked for the case to go over.

Mr. Norrington asked the case to be taken out of the list, and put along with another case, in which C.S.P. is the defendant and which has been adjourned *stans die*. There was a question of security of costs.

This suggestion was agreed to, the cases to come on later.

Mr. Hodgson said that the case of Liu Fo, versus the C. S. P. for \$325, was an interpleader issue and he did not think he had anything to do with it at present.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Successful Candidates in Matriculation Examination.

At the Matriculation Examination held on December 15 to 20 the following candidates were successful.

Chung King-lan, Ho Nai-shun, Samuel Mok, (Kai Heung), Abdul Kamid Ramjahn, Wan Ying-shing, Lo Sai-nin, G.S.K. Kwok, Chan Kin-po, Lau Mo-ting, Ng Sze-kwong, Ng Sze-yuen, Ng Sze-ohong, Yao Kwong-yu, Cheung Sai-yik and Fok Pak-wing.

UNEXPECTED FIND.

Possessed Unlawful Society Insignia.

Whilst Sergeant Adlington was searching 123, Second Street, for lottery tickets, he found on one of two men in the house, some triad society insignia and a book of rules. The consequence was, that at the Police Court, this morning, the men were fined \$500, or in default six months. The second man who was charged only in connection with lottery tickets, was fined \$250.

Japanese Minister.

H. E. Mr. S. Yoshida, Japanese minister to Siam, is a passenger to Koba on the s.s. Kitano Maru.

Cattle's Loss.

A Chinese coolie of Austin Road, Kowloon, reports the theft last night of five pieces of clothing valued at nineteen dollars.

DAY BY DAY.

HOWEVER GOOD YOU MAY BE YOU HAVE FAULTS; HOWEVER DULL YOU MAY BE YOU CAN FIND OUT WHAT SOME OF THEM ARE, AND HOWEVER SLIGHT THEY MAY BE YOU HAD BETTER MAKE SOME—NOT TOO PAINFUL, BUT PATIENT EFFORTS TO GET RID OF THEM.

The Mails.

Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Franz Ferdinand last evening.

French Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Dumbea last evening.

Siberian Mail.—Left per s.s. Dumbea at daylight to-day.

American Mail.—Due per s.s. Esatern (ex Nila) to-day.

American, Canadian and Siberian Mails.—Close per s.s. Empress of Russia at 6 p.m. to-day.

English Mail.—Due per s.s. Egypt to-morrow at 8 a.m.

Siberian Mail.—Closes per s.s. Egypt at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Nippy.

The thermometer registered forty degrees on the Peak this morning.

Returned To-day.

Bishop and Mrs. Bannister returned by the s.s. Kitano Maru to-day.

Deck Passengers.

Four hundred and sixty two Chinese deck passengers arrived on the s.s. Rheus.

No Issue.

To-morrow being New Year's Day, there will be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph.

To Consignees.

Consignees of cargo by the s.s. Luetow are reminded that goods remaining undelivered after to-morrow will be subject to rent.

Children's Sports.

The annual Children's Sports will take place at Kowloon Cricket Club ground to-morrow afternoon. The first race takes place at 2.30 p.m.

Not Arrived.

Twelve subscription griffins were to have arrived by the s.s. Chenan, but up to the time of going to press, the boat had not come in.

Late Ferry.

The "Star" Ferry Company has arranged late ferry services for to-night and to-morrow night. Late ferries will leave Hongkong at 12.45 p.m. and 1 a.m., and Kowloon at 12.30 and 12.45 p.m.

Latest Advertisements.

Consignees' notice concerning the s.s. Monmouthshire is issued.

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The s.s. Dunera sails for Straits and Calcutta on January 2.—Page 5.

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The Cosmopolitan Publicity Bureau advises that Mr. H. B. Collins is no longer connected therewith.—Page 5.

The Court Cards.

The Court Cards are due to open at the Theatre Royal on January 9. They are appearing at Canton on the 6th, 7th and 8th. Booking has opened at Messrs. Monte and Co. and is certain to be heavy.

Handbag Stolen.

James Townsend, Sergt. of the Naval Yard Police, has reported to the police the theft of a handbag value \$46. The theft is thought to have taken place between December 27 and 29.

The Field Again.

The manager of the Man Leoban Import and Export Shop Des Voeux Road Central, reports that his foki whom he entrusted with \$400 to defray business expenses has absconded.

Watch Lost.

Mrs. Stockhausen, of 9 Saymour Terrace, reports to the police that her daughter-in-law, while proceeding from Bascomfield Arcade to her residence, lost a blue enamel watch with fancy face, valued at \$25.

Stolen Overnight.

A comrade, living at Stanley Street, reports to the police that overnight someone entered his premises and stole goods to the value of fifty dollars.

Children's Sports Subscription. We have to acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from Mr. R. C. Faithfull as a subscription to the Children's Sports fund.

SANITARY BOARD.

The Water for Drinking Purposes.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon when Mr. D. W. Tristram presided. There were also present:—The Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, O. M. G., the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham O. M. G., the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Col. Irwin, Mr. F. Hon-az, Dr. Fitzwilliams, Dr. F. Clark, M. O. H. and Mr. Bowen Rowlands.

In accordance with notice, Dr. Fitzwilliams asked the question standing in his name:—Will the President inform the Board what alterations, if any, have been carried out in the supply of water (for drinking purposes) as the result of the recommendations and suggestion embodied in the Report of the Government Bacteriologist dated the 1st October, 1911.

Inspecting the Catchment Area.

The President replied: (a) A pathway from Pine Wood Battery to Pokfulam Road has been constructed so as to exclude the night soil carriers from the valley designated Pine Wood Nullah, and a catch-water has been constructed so as to divert from the old valley any surface water flowing from the area occupied by the Battery.

(b) Frequent inspections of the catchment area referred to are made and every endeavour is made to maintain the filter beds in a state of efficiency.

(c) A storage reservoir to contain 1,500 million gallons, or twice as much as is contained in all the existing reservoirs in Hongkong, is in course of construction.

Cleaning the Filter Bed.

(d) During constant supply, the filter beds are cleaned one at a time. Before a bed is brought into operation again after cleaning, it is charged with filtered water, which is allowed to stand for 48 hours as a rule. The construction of additional extensive filter beds is contemplated, but the surrender of an area of land required in connection with the scheme, and at present under the control of the War Department, has not yet been secured. Until additional filter beds have been constructed, the rate of filtration recommended by the Bacteriologist must be exceeded during periods of constant supply.

At the conclusion of a short agenda which contained matters solely of routine, Dr. Fitzwilliams gave notice of his intention to ask the following questions:—(1) Has an estimate ever been asked for or submitted for an efficient distillation system for Hongkong? (2) Has sea water ever been employed for flushing the drains and watering the streets in Hongkong? (3) Could the water which is now used for street watering not be turned to account as drinking water, and why?

MARINE'S DEATH.

Fell over a Cliff in the Dark.

The death occurred yesterday at the Naval Hospital of a marine, who met with an accident on Stonecutters Island. It would appear that the deceased, William Cox, who was a private on H.M.S. Hampshire, was found yesterday lying unconscious at the bottom of a cliff.

He was taken to the Naval Hospital where in spite of every care his injuries entailed his death. The Deputy Surgeon General in his report to the police stated that the deceased was admitted to the hospital at 5.30 yesterday afternoon.

Shortly before his death he regained consciousness and stated that he went for a walk on the island after dark and fell over the cliff.

SETTLED.

In the Summary Court, this morning, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, the Ching Hing Ling, sued Tung Fat-lung and others for the sum of \$598.

Mr. Denny, Junr., of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, for the plaintiffs, said that he understood the case had been settled. They had received a certain sum of money in settlement.

BRILLIANT BOY BEGGAR.

English as She Is Wrote and "Used"

To all whom it may concern, Gentlemen and Ladies—Your petitioner named—aged 18, lived at No. 10, Street—being British born subject some time ago went to Canton for borrowing money from his relatives, when passing the railway he was accidentally over-run by a train and the right hand was off and so carelessness took no notice of it. Your petitioner consequently cannot work to learn his living that he begs most respectfully if will be compassionate enough to gift some money to your petitioner so that he cannot be attacked by starvation and your petitioner well ever pray.

The above was printed in English and Chinese on a piece of canvas which a boy beggar was displaying at Kowloon when arrested. At the Police Court, this morning, he was charged at the instance of Inspector Marison and fined \$5, or in default seven days.

CALENDARS.

The Vacuum Oil Company, have issued an excellent calendar for 1914 in three sheets, each bearing an excellent reproduction of sketches of women by three well-known artists. The Royal Exchange Assurance, send us a blotter, a dainty engagement book and a neat desk calendar. The London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company Ltd., (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, agents) send us a file and a real little hanging calendar. The Exile Garage has one of the neatest little calendars we have seen for sometime.

SAWYER CLAIMS \$671.

G. K. Hall Brutton was the plaintiff and Law Ngai-poh, the defendant in a Summary Court action, this morning, the sum claimed being \$671.32.

Mr. Norrington (Mr. Brutton) asked for the case to stand over.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, for the defendant, agreed, and the case was adjourned.

HARBOUR OFFENDER.

A Fine of \$100.

At the Marine Court, this morning, before Commander Basil Taylor, Kwok Ngai, master of the steam launch Sai On, was charged with carrying 49 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence. Mr. J. H. Gardiner appeared for the defence.

P. O. Joy gave evidence of seeing the Sai On overloaded. He boarded her and found 91 persons on board all told whereas she was capable of carrying 42 only. The water was three inches above the rubbing streak.

Mr. Gardiner asked for a light sentence, but a fine of \$100 was imposed.

Four Chinese who were caught on board the s.s. Franz Ferdinand without permission, were fined each \$15. One, however, chose one month in goal in default of payment.

Of two others found on board the s.s. Monmouthshire one was fined \$15 and the second discharged.

Swiss Milk.

The French mail steamer Dumbea had a cargo of 25,000 cases of Swiss milk for Singapore, Hongkong and Yokohama, of which 9,000 cases were discharged at Singapore.

Debt Proved.

Mr. R. C. Faithfull appeared for Yeung Juk-chi, who, at the Summary Court, this morning, sued the Oriental Printing Company for \$1,000, money but on a Chinese borrowing note. The debt was proved and judgment for the plaintiff entered.

Round the World.

A small family party of prominent Pittsburg U.S.A. residents is travelling round the world, and is at present doing Hongkong, using the King Edward Hotel as its headquarters. The party consists of five ladies, two sons and three nieces; they are—Misses M.K., Charlotte, Hazel, Kittle, and Jeannette Houshgan.

MURDER CHARGE.

Chinese, Twice Arrested in Hongkong.

At the Police Court, this afternoon, before Mr. J. R. Wood, Kan Chai alias Kan Ping-chai, charged with the wilful murder of Kan Hop, his brother on Jubilee Road on June 15.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted; Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, appeared for the defence, and Inspector Dymond had charge of the case.

Mr. Hodgson said, the defendant in this case was one of three brothers who were in partnership in a business of removing bones of corpses from Tai Hau Wan Mortuary near Sandy Bay. Their names were Kan Chan, Kan Hop and Kan On. The defendant was charged with the murder of his brother, Kan Hop, on June 15 last. The defendant was the elder of the three and the deceased was the second brother, whilst Kan On was the junior. In this business, of their three brothers had to use a junk for the purpose of the removal of these bones in the early morning of June 15, the defendant and his brother Kan Hop, and another man who was employed by the defendant to assist in the removal of these bones, named Ho Pak-sau, went to the mortuary, arriving there roughly about eight o'clock in the morning. They went there to count and remove a certain number of boxes of bones to their junk which was lying at Tai Hau Wan at the time, to be taken to another part of the Colony.

His Worship: How did they get there?

Mr. Hodgson: Do you mean the bones or the people?

His Worship:—No, the people.

Mr. Hodgson: I understand they walked there, but it is immaterial to my case. These men did their business but had their morning meal on the junk. The junk sailed from Tai Hau Wan to another part of the Colony roughly about 10.30. But the three men, the defendant, his brother and Ho Pak-sau walked back. They left this spot about half past ten in the morning and came back to Hongkong by the Jubilee Road. Now it was upon the Jubilee Road that this murder took place, a cold-blooded and premeditated murder as I shall show you, at the hands, I submit, of the defendant. I shall call before you Ho Pak San, the third man, who was with them and who was an eye witness of the murder.

Mr. Brutton: Has he turned King's evidence, he was charged with him (defendant)?

His Worship:—I am sorry, I have nothing to do with the charges. You had an idea, Mr. Hodgson, they would be tried together?

Mr. Hodgson: No.

His Worship: He has been discharged. There was no evidence, and I discharged him; I don't know about King's evidence.

Mr. Brutton: Because it is rather peculiar, I have never heard anything about it—the men were to be jointly charged.

Mr. Hodgson: I did not understand that.

Mr. Brutton: But I say yes, I asked, and it was stated here that they would be tried together. I asked and your Worship said yes, and I come here to-day believing that, but now I am informed that they are not.

You said "Are you appearing for the second man" and I said I was appearing for the second man only. You said "well they will be tried together."

His Worship:—I said, possibly, they will be tried together.

Mr. Brutton: That is not the impression you left on me.

His Worship:—You must be at cross purposes.

Mr. Brutton: Not a case of cross purposes, but what I understood, and I would, I thought, see him here. It is the answer I received. Your Worship may have thought to give that impression but that is the impression you left on me.

This case was proceeding as we went to press.

Chauffeur's Suit.

The case in which Mr. J. H. N. Mody, is sued by his chauffeur for \$104, for wrongful dismissal, was again adjourned at the Summary Court, this morning.

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The offices of the Straits Steamship Company were in the early hours of a recent morning the scene of a daring burglary. At about 6 o'clock a Jaga who sleeps on five-foot-away in Telegraph Street heard a noise inside the building but on going inside could find none. A door leading into Col Quarry, however, was open, and man examined the "safes" found that the plate covering the key hole of one of them had been sawed off. There were also three holes drilled above lock. Nothing had been abstracted from the safes, the burglar evidently having been disturbed by the noise. Entrance into the place had been effected through the ladder attached to the window and leading to the which had been there for a considerable time during repairs. The only thing that was missing was a waterproof coat which had been left hanging on a peg. The coat was marked on inside:—"Robinson and Company." The burglars left no behind them.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH. EXTRA

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1913.

1913 IN RETROSPECT.

A BACKWARD GLANCE OVER THE YEAR'S EVENTS.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

Educational work in the Colony during the year has been carried on to good purpose, and all the school reports were healthy and even glowing. Quite the most important matter which comes under this head, of course, is the new ordinance to provide for the registration and supervision of certain schools.

In giving the second reading of the Bill the Attorney General very fairly stated its objects. He had read in the press, he said, that the Government ought to take in hand the education of the Colony, and that it ought to take it in hand seriously and deal with it properly. This Bill was a step in that direction, but it did not profess to be, nor was it proposed to be, final in any way, but it might be a surprise to people to know what an enormous number of schools there were in the Colony and in the New Territories—schools which were conducted in simple fashion, without any control, and without any sort of curriculum being laid down or any kind of observances, and were kept under conditions which were probably in many cases extremely unsatisfactory.

Private Schools.

There were 550 private schools, under all kinds of conditions and all kinds of persons, without an English staff and without any proper control or inspection at present. All of these schools were going to be affected by the ordinance which was now before the Council. It was therefore a very important measure and needed very careful consideration. The Bill did not deal at all with Government Schools. It did not deal with the military schools, which were controlled so commendably.

Want of Control.

Just how badly these private schools require to be controlled was shown by the annual report of the Director of Education. In it the Inspector of Schools had this to say of "English Day Schools." "In some cases these schools are run by more boys, who apparently have been forced to leave school on account of poverty, and are attempting to turn their 3 or 4 years education to account. The work done is very poor." Concerning "English Night Schools," again, he wrote: "Most of the English Night Schools visited were of a poor class; in many cases the Master had no idea of teaching, and in one or two instances spoke a bad 'pidgin' English. Some of the teachers in these schools attend English Schools during the day, and probably depend upon their own night-schools to raise the fees for their own tuition. Many of the pupils at the Night Schools are day schools at the same school or other and simply revise their work in the evening. One would expect to find that the majority of the night school pupils were those who had some sort of employment or other during the day; but such is not the case. The opening of one or two good night schools would mean the closing of most of these now in existence. These schools are 'under all kinds of conditions and all kinds of persons, without an English staff and without any proper control or inspection at present. Clearly, these private schools, in most cases, are carried on purely for gain and without any real purpose of imparting education. The new Education Ordinance once applied, will be the first step towards the routing out of the majority of these schools."

The University.

Amiable progress has been made at the Hongkong University. Professor Smith paid a visit to England in the course of the year and interested many firms in the University. When he left Hongkong Professor Smith carried with him letters of introduction from His Excellency the Governor and Sir Charles Eliot, and these proved extremely valuable, so much so that the success which followed Professor Smith's efforts was in large part due to the facilities which they afforded the Professor in getting into touch with the people who have so generously made gifts to the University.

"In all," he told the *Telegraph* some time ago, "I saw over two hundred manufacturers, mostly at their works, in all parts of Great Britain. And only in one case did I meet with a refusal. Of course, the general apparatus varied considerably—some firms gave gifts valued as much as £500 and others worth about £25. Here I must say that the local agents helped me a great deal. I cannot speak sufficiently highly of their enterprise; they had written all the people at home beforehand. They are wide awake to the opportunities here. I am sure of that." A big response generally was made to appeals for apparatus and the equipment is now a fine, if not yet complete, one. Engineering claims 75 per cent of the students and is the most important subject, but on the other side the university has also been active.

Hongkong University Union.

At the Annual Meeting of the University Union the Report for the year 1912-1913 showed that Cricket, Football, Tennis, Dramatic and Musical Clubs and also a Natural History Society and a Debating Society had been formed. The Athletic Clubs had played various matches and had held team competitions, while the Musical and Dramatic Societies had given a very successful performance on March 14. The Debating Society had discussed the subjects of the state ownership of railways, the abolition of capital punishment, compulsory education in China, female suffrage, polygamy in China and the desirability of adopting academic costume in the Hongkong University.

The Balance Sheet showed that the funds of the Union had been expended upon the purchase of a billiard table, grants to the various Clubs and Societies for the purchase of gear and the provision of newspapers etc. for the Students' Common Room.

KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION.

Work on the new terminal station is proceeding apace, and it is hoped that the new site will be soon be in use. The station yard will extend over an area of some 11½ acres from Holt's Godown at Blackhead Point to the present Kowloon Ferry Pier, on the south side of Salisbury Road. Provision is to be made for a double line of way from Hung Hom, spreading out to 7 or 8 lines of way on entering the Station Yard. Only two or three lines of way are being laid in the first instance, further lines being laid as requirements necessitate.

The new ferry pier half-way round the curve in the sea wall at Kowloon Point, which will be capable of accommodating two ferry boats at a time, is gradually nearing completion. When completed, this pier will release the present ferry pier for police and public purposes.

WEDDINGS.

First amongst the weddings of the year must be mentioned that of the Chief Justice. Early in the year His Honour, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., was married to Miss Hilda Kathleen Chaplin, second daughter of the late Mr. W. E. Blennerhassett Althill, Esq., of Branelist on Hall, Norfolk. On the occasion of his wedding the Chief Justice was presented with a silver service by the members of the Hongkong Law Society.

Other weddings solemnised during the year were:—Miss Millicent Muskett and Mr. John Ross Sutor; Miss Mariel Hutton-Potts and Lieut. Jeffrey Harcourt Kent; K. O. Y. L. I.; Miss Yeaghy Churchover and Mr. Andrew MacDonald; Miss Agnes Eva Johnson Leigh and Mr. Stanley L. Hilden; Miss Violet Montague Edle and Major Austin Morgan Rotteram; Miss Swan and Dr. Brangwyn of Swatow; Miss Yelen Maude Milton and Mr. James Henry Donnithorne; Miss Dora Evelyn Vessey and Mr. N. G. Neale; Miss I. B. yes and Mr. G. Roylance; Miss Constance Helen Pearce and Mr. Herbert Griffith; Miss Matilda North and Mr. A. McTurk Smith; Miss Hilda Claik and Mr. Hugh Layard Dowbiggin; Miss Kate Kennedy and Mr. James Harrop; Miss A. J. McBride and Mr. W. N. Fleming; Miss Lillian Lowder and Mr. R. M. D. e.; Miss Agnes Elizabeth Fargrieve and Mr. John Kennedy; Miss O. Dell and Mr. Lionel Lummer; Miss Hilda Gibbon and Mr. Percival Douglas Wilson; Miss Dorothy My Henson and Mr. W. H. L. Warren; Miss Galuzzi and Mr. M. Garibaldi; Miss Dorothy Humphreys and Mr. Douglas Edward Clark; Miss Isabel Houghton Smith and Mr. George Cornack.

OBITUARY.

The reaper whose name is death has been busy with his sickle during the year. Amongst the deaths recorded were, in the order in which they occurred:—Mrs. G. A. Caldwell, wife of the secretary of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company; Inspector Alfred Brown of the Sanitary Department; Mrs. H. G. Baker; Mr. W. D. Sutton, following on a fall at the races; Mr. E. Cornwall Lewis (at home); Captain Davies; Captain Outerbridge, at Holo; Mrs. S. M. Aitken; Mr. W. S. B. Vant Rowe; Capt. E. H. Pratt, R.N.R.; Mr. H. Ilyno; Mr. A. T. Walker and Mr. H. C. Syer, both of the P. W. D. on the same day; Mr. F. J. Last; Col. A. T. Rowlandson, 126th Baluchistan, Regiment following on an accident at a Pagal Gymkhana; Mr. C. Moonry; Major Charles Marlay Fleury; Col. H. D. Stacpole; Mr. F. O. Kidd; Mr. John Ross (in Edinburgh); Mr. Ng Li Hing, J. P., Mr. Bernard Brotherton Barker; Lieut. E. B. Kunhardt of the Tamar.

SPORT.

In the world of sport the year has been a fairly busy one. The Hongkong Jockey Club races proved a successful function in February last. Mr. Ellis Kadoorie won the Derby and other races while Mr. Johnston proved the most successful Jockey, as usual of late years.

The Derby Winner.

Fijian Chief, the Derby winner accounted for half of Mr. Kadoorie's six wins. Isolated in the half dozen victories were the Derby, and the Champion Stakes, to say nothing of other useful races, so that Mr. Kadoorie had a meeting he will always remember pleasantly. Sir Paul and Mr. John Peel, with five and four victories, and fifteen and eleven placed horses in all, also had quite a good meeting. Mr. Soares failed to win the Derby, but he had three good wins to compensate him in some degree. There is no doubt about which was the best pony out of the meeting. Fijian Chief won the

Derby with incomparable ease, and he more than confirmed that form by winning the Champion Stakes by twelve lengths from Capello, the 1912 winner. He was easily the best class pony seen out. Mr. Johnston rode the winner in the Derby, the Champion Stakes, and the Ladies Purse, amongst others and was among the first three in more than two thirds of the events. Of the local jockeys, Mr. "Knoll" showed considerable improvement. On the whole the meeting passed off with marked success after a very unpromising start due to bad weather.

Football.

Quite the most interesting event of the year in the local football world was the formation of the Hongkong Football Association. It had long been wanted for the proper control of the game in the Colony, and it has already made its force felt. It is to be hoped that it has come for good. Only the other week it issued a useful little handbook which was, in itself, an earnest of active work. His Excellency, the Governor, is one of the patrons. Mr. H. R. B. Hancock is president, and Mr. F. W. Eager is the hon. secretary.

An interport match was played at Shanghai on February 6 and resulted in the Hongkong team being beaten by Shanghai by two goals to one. The visitors, who arrived late, had to play on the day of arrival and had little luck during the game. They were unfortunate to lose. In the other games played in the Northern port they did well and won easily.

Competition Results.

The R.G.A. went through the league competition last season without losing a match and scored 13 points out of a possible 16. The K.O.Y.L.L. came second only a point behind. The winners of the United Services League were the Royal Engineers who dropped only four points out of a possible 28 and scored 32 goals to only five lost. The R.E.'s were a fine team towards the end of the season. They also won the shield competition in which they scored 12 goals and dropped only one. In the China station small ships League, Rosario were successful with Whiting second.

Other Sport.

The interport swimming match resulted in the defeat of the Hongkong team after a rare struggle in which the last event—the water polo—decided the destination of the honours. Hongkong and Cooke, is still swimming in fine form. Finch won the Harbour swim very easily this year and set up new figures for the event.

In interport shooting Hongkong also failed to secure honours and the interport polo match saw the Hongkong team outclassed and beaten very easily. In interport events generally, therefore, the Colony did rather badly. A visit from Haiphong tennis players, however, saw Hongkong win very easily, which was some little solatium for the other defeats.

The other sides of sport may be briefly dismissed. Mr. T. M. Hodgson won the croquet championship and Mr. H. A. Nisbet, by defeating A. N. Joseland retained his title of tennis champion.

MISCELLANEOUS.

His Excellency's Absence.

His Excellency, the Governor, left for a holiday at Home on August 20 and returned on Christmas Day. Trouble in Canton retarded his departure; he had intended earlier to join Lady May and the Misses May who left for Home in March. Early in the year, Captain the Hon. Fitzroy Somerset, A.D.C. to His Excellency, left to take up an appointment in the Egyptian Army. His successor was Captain C. M. Donolly.

Mr. Slade Leaves.

On December 17, Mr. M. D. Slade K. O. left for Home on the

s.s. Siberia. By his departure the local bar lost one of its best known figures. During his stay here of some seventeen years Mr. Slade had appeared in many important and lengthy cases, fighting his clients' causes with considerable skill.

Mr. Slade was born in 1855 and was educated at Clifton College, and New College, Oxford. He was called to the Inner Temple in 1891 and from that year until 1896 practised at Home.

The Old Clock.

The Clock Tower was demolished during the year and the clock itself sold. The appearance of Pedder Street, now that the Tower is gone and the trees removed is generally admitted to be much enhanced.

The New Clock.

The Tramway Company has erected a handsome clock and sign at the Post Office corner in Des Voeux Road. The clock is placed at the top of a standard and has faces towards both directions of the thoroughfare. Below this at a convenient height for reading are two signs, one pointing east and the other west, giving very full information as to the running of the trams on each section. This is illuminated at night so that it can be read in comfort at all times.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. and Talook.

After negotiations had been going on for some time between Talook Dock and the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, a working agreement was entered upon between the two yards which was intended to put an end to any business rivalry between them.

TRADE DURING 1913.

Below we give a review of the Colony's commercial activities during the year which closes today. The information has been gleaned from returns received, and should prove of distinct interest to the commercial community of this busy port. It will be seen that the year has not been a particularly good one for any section of traders and dealers, and, speaking generally, it may be classed as only "average." The failure of the Indian Specie Bank had a marked effect on exchange, while the recent crisis in Singapore and Bangkok disturbed Chinese circles. It is of interest to note that the coming year will most likely see the end of the opium business. On the whole 1913 has been a year of some anxiety and difficulty to importers in consequence of the unsettled conditions in China, but the general tone, on looking ahead, is now more hopeful.

Exchange.

The general tendency of exchange during the year was downwards. There was a rise during April and May, due to the completion of the Reorganisation Loan negotiations and in anticipation of large requirements in silver by the Chinese Government. In September also an upward tendency became felt, owing to reported purchases of silver by the Indian Government for their silver currency requirements. December witnessed a drop in bar silver to 25.15-16 (on the 1st), which was the lowest point touched in the year. This drop was due to the suspension of the Indian Specie Bank, a large "bull" operator, and the consequent panic in the silver market. It is reported that the bar silver holdings of the Indian Specie Bank have since been taken over by a strong syndicate in London, and prices have steadied somewhat. The following tables, showing the highest and lowest points on exchange and bar silver for each month of the year, will be found informative.

	Exchange.	
	T. T. Highest.	T. T. Lowest.
January	25.15/16	24
February	24	1/11
March	1/11 1/2	1/11
April	24 1/4	1/11
May	24 1/4	1/11 1/2
June	1/11 15/16	1/11 7/16
July	1/11 13/16	1/11 7/16
August	1/11 15/16	1/11 1/2
September	24 1/4	1/11 1/2
October	24 1/4	1/11 1/2
November	1/11 1/4	1/11 5/16
December	1/11 1/4	1/11 1/4
Highest 25.15/16; Lowest 1/11; range 1.15/16d.		

Bar Silver.

Ready. Ready.

	Highest.	Lowest.
January	20 1/2	28 5/16
February	28 13/16	27 1/16
March	27 1/16	26 2/16
April	28 1/16	26 1/16
May	28 3/16	27 5/16
June	27 11/16	26 5/8
July	27 1/2	26 13/16
August	27 0/16	27 3/16
September	28 11/16	27 7/16
October	28 7/16	27 1/2
November	27 11/16	26 1/2
December	27 1/2	25 15/16
Highest 28 13/16; Lowest 25 15/16; range 3 7/16d.		

Piece Goods.

The year just drawing to a close may be described as a very "average" one. There are few new features or startling developments to report, and in fact it is a matter for congratulation that in the face of the serious political and financial difficulties which have existed recently in China, the piece goods dealers have been able to maintain even an average trade. The second revolution in July caused a temporary cessation of business, and at times matters looked very black for everyone, but, on the settlement, confidence was re-established, and with the exception of the last few weeks of the year business was continued as usual.

In Greys good quality 10 lb. shirtings have been in favour. On the other hand the trade in 84 weights dwindled owing to the new duties imposed by Japan on goods entering Formosa. Mexicans were sold much as usual but business was only fair. Demand for grey drills fell off, particularly as regards the lighter weights.

White shirtings have been a bad market all the year. Low qualities have proved practically unsaleable, while demand for the better qualities was not sufficient to make the business profitable. It is difficult to account for the failure of the white shirting trade. Some dealers say that the prohibition of opium cultivation in many districts has so curtailed the buying resources of the people that they have no money to spend on whites. We think it more probable that the general slackness of trade and the increased importation and laying of the 10 lb. grey shirtings have more to do with it. White drills have also been very much out of favour. The striped shirtings trade was brisk at the beginning of the year, but has been dull of late.

Fancie's business has continued much as usual, the bulk being confined to old chops. However dealers show interest in novelties and small orders can generally be placed. Artificial silks are becoming a popular line here.

Woolens—Trade has been very bad, and there are still large stocks which cannot find an outlet. In some of the more old-fashioned kinds such as Long Ellis, Spanish stripes, black lastings and camlets, trade has been fair but serges, coatings, Meltons, worsteds, etc., have been a dead market, and the stocks are sufficient to last the small percentage of Chinese who have adopted European or semi-European attire a good many years.

There has only been one failure reported amongst the larger piece goods dealers, and beyond a few small failures in Canton the year may be considered satisfactory in this respect.

Japanese competition continues to make headway, but only in the lowest qualities of piece goods. Clearances have been fair, but have not quite kept pace with the arrivals, which, by the way, have been much larger than in the two preceding years. The godowns are very full and this is probably the explanation of the extraordinary lull which exists at the time of writing.

Altogether the year has provided rather more than the usual crop of troubles and difficulties for those in the piece goods trade here. We cannot close without a word regarding the necessity of general co-operation in limiting the credit given to dealers. Credit is being more and more abused by dealers and payment at due dates is now the exception rather than the rule. Some general understanding might also be come to regarding the time given for clearance. This is becoming a serious question with many firms, and dealers are allowed to keep the goods in the godowns for unduly lengthy periods at importer's expense. It would be a pity to wait till a serious crash brings these matters forcibly home to European merchants established here, and in 1914 one would like to see an improvement with regard to the present slackness of method which is being allowed to creep in.

Sundries.

It is impossible in a small space to give more than a general idea of the trade during 1913, but the word "bad" would aptly describe the business in nearly every one of the thousands and one articles from a needle to a piano which go under the heading of sundries. The market is still suffering from the effect of over speculation during the first revolution, and the second revolution seemed to accentuate the depression, so much so that since July last hardly any trade has been done at all and importers have had to suffer an annoying concession of failures among the smaller men. There are very few new features, but local industries continue to increase, and one might mention a substantial increase in raw and partly prepared materials. Japanese competition continues strong and many of their latest productions are extremely creditable, price considered. The business done by the large departmental stores is still on the increase, and many of the smaller old-fashioned retail shops have had to close down before them. Leather business was good in spite of advancing prices. The competition on the part of big concerns at Home to supply the Chinese with soap is almost laughable, but unless it is stopped there will be a tragic side to it also. Dyes suffered with the white shirting trade. Hosiery business is confined to old chops, and the local makers, who are making good headway. Umbrellas are being made locally in increased quantities to the detriment of importations of the finished product. The provision trade went on much as usual. European hats, cap and straw "boaters" are for sale everywhere, but business has been overdone. Headgear and footwear are really the only items of European garb which have a large sale. Trade in other sundries such as blankets, basins, watches, lamps, gloves, buttons, etc., was fair during the first half of the year, but latterly all demand seems to have vanished.

Optium. Prices fluctuated somewhat during the year, and at the close the quotations are—Bengal, \$5.615 to \$5.875 per chest; Malwa, \$4.900 to \$5.050 per chest. There has been, but little business done owing to the fact that the Indian Government stopped selling both Malwa and Bengal during the year. In the early part of the year stocks accumulated to a very considerable extent in Hongkong, owing to the opposition raised by

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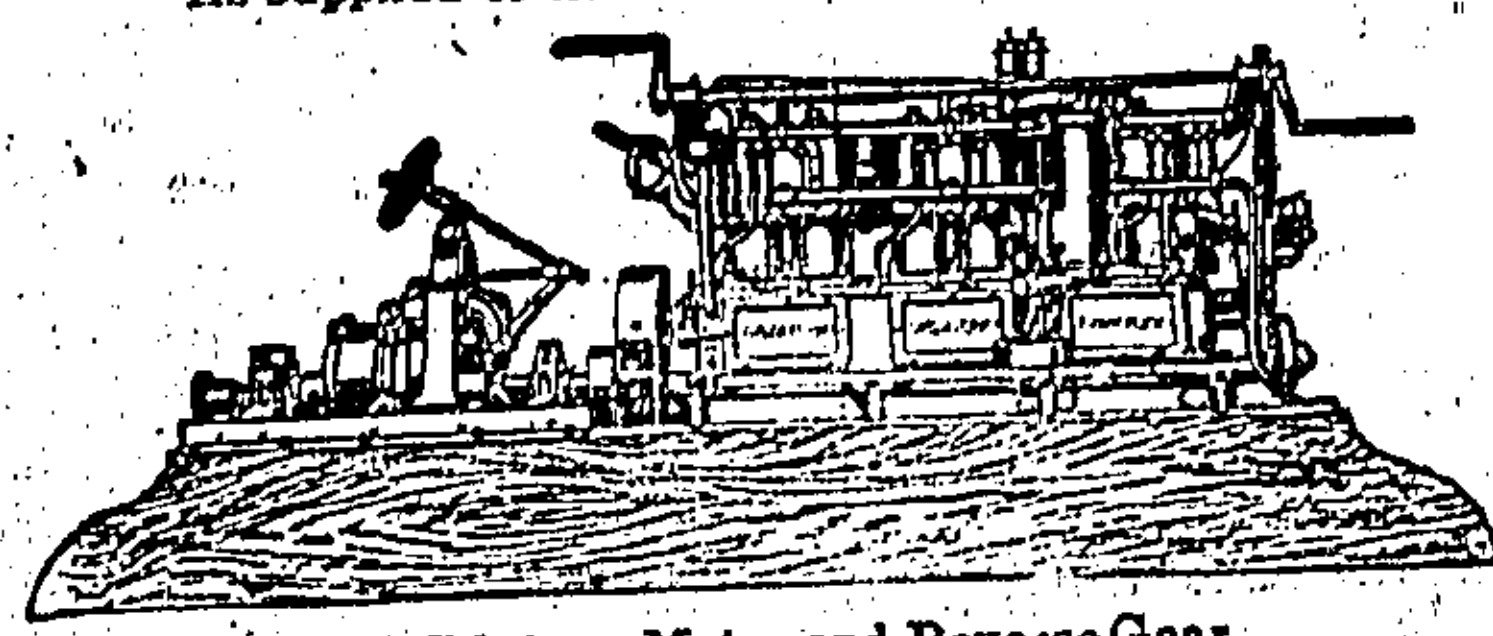
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T'au, W'wei, C'foo Dviny & C'ao	P. Sigismund	M. & Co.	7, Jan.
Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo & Cebu	Cheongshing	J. M. Co.	2, Jan.
Bombay via Singapore, Colombo	Zaffro	S. T. Co.	2, Jan.
Kobe & Yokohama	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	5, Jan.
Shanghai	Kitano M.	N. Y. K.	1, Jan.
Bombay via S'pore Port S'ham, Penang & Colombo	Rubi	J. M. Co.	2, Jan.
Jessellton, Kudat and Sandakan	Java M.	O. S. K.	5, Jan.
Kobe and Moji	Borneo	M. Co.	3, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Suisang	J. M. Co.	10, Jan.
Shanghai	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	14, Jan.
Shanghai	Luchow	B. & S.	1, Jan.
Shanghai	Kingsing	J. M. Co.	2, Jan.
Shanghai	Koerber	W. S. Co.	2, Jan.
Shanghai	Egypt	P. & O.	2, Jan.
Shanghai & Tsingtau	Chenan	B. & S.	3, Jan.
Shanghai	Koonshing	J. M. Co.	4, Jan.
Shanghai	Esang	J. M. Co.	4, Jan.
S'hai, Tsingtau, Kobe & Ythama	P. Ludwig	M. & Co.	8, Jan.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	D. L. Co.	2, Jan.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	6, Jan.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	3, Jan.
Manila, Mangarin, Cebu & Iloilo	Rubi	S. T. Co.	12, Jan.
Bombay via S'pore & Colombo	Kawaohi M.	N. Y. K.	6, Jan.
Bombay via Singapore Port S'ham Penang & Colombo	Java Maru	O. S. K.	7, Jan.
Yokohama, Kobe & Moji	Thongwa	D. S. Co.	6, Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Nyansa	P. & O.	10, Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe & Ythama	Cordillere	M. M.	12, Jan.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Yunsang	J. M. Co.	10, Jan.
S'pore, Pang, R'goon & C'outta	Dunera	D. S. Co.	2, Jan.
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CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Yokohama on the 27th inst. at 2 p.m.

The C. P. R. s.s. MONTAGLE left Yokohama on the 30th inst. at 3 p.m. and may be expected here on the 30th inst. at 8 p.m.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF INDIA left Vancouver on the 20th inst.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. PRINZ SIGISMUND left Sydney on the 13th inst. at 11 a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 5th of January.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. PRINZ LUDWIG carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 10th inst. left Colombo on the 28th inst. p.m. and may be expected here on or about the 8th of January.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The s.s. NILE sailed from Yokohama for Hongkong on the 24th inst. The s.s. MANCHURIA will be despatched from this port at 1 p.m. on the 6th of January for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama and Honolulu.

ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. EGYPT left Singapore for this port on the 27th inst. at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on the 1st January at about 8 a.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KITANO MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 22nd inst. and is expected here on the 2nd of January.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left London for this port via ports on the 6th of December, and is expected here on the 14th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. AWAMARU (American Line) left Seattle for this port via ports on the 12th inst. and is expected here on the 6th Jan.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KIRIN MARU (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port on the 12th inst. and is expected here on the 1st January.

The N. Y. K. s.s. INABA MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port on the 15th inst. and is expected here on the 2nd January.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SHIDZUOKA MARU (American Line) left Seattle for this port via ports on the 16th inst. and is expected here on the 18th January.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. SUISENG, from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 6th January.

The I. C. S. N. s.s. HOPSANG from Chinwantao is due at Hongkong on the 1st January.

The S. L. s.s. DEN OF GLAMIS from Yokohama is due at Hongkong on the 2nd Jan.

The S. L. s.s. SOLVEIG from Seattle left Yokohama is due at Hongkong on the 2nd Jan.

The S. L. s.s. VENNACHAR from Tacoma is due at Hongkong on the 26th January.

The S. L. s.s. GLENROY passed the Canal on the 9th inst. and is due here on or about the 10th inst.

The s.s. GLENROY passed the Suez Canal on the 9th inst. and is due here on or about the 10th inst.

The s.s. ALDENHAM left Sydney for this port on the 17th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 10th January.

The Danish Motorship s.s. RUNAM has left Port Said on the 16th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 14th of January.

The s.s. GLENFARG passed the Suez Canal on 19th inst. and is due here on or about 15th Jan.

The s.s. GENDORAN from Port Said on the 14th inst. and may be expected to arrive here on or about 2nd January.

The s.s. THONGWA from Calcutta may be expected here on or about the 1st Jan.

The s.s. L. s.s. PREUSSEN left Singapore on the 28th inst. a.m. and may be expected here on or about the 3rd January, a.m.

The Danish s.s. TRANQUEBAR left Saigon on the 24th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 2nd of January.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
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having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless information is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 1st of Jan., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st of Dec., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 8th of January, 1914, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.

General Agents.

Hongkong, 25th Dec., 1913. [1101]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "LENNOX,"

From GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL
and STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd prox., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 23rd prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd prox., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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From EUROPE.
THE H. A. L. Steamship

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Capt. H. Christiansen, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained against Bills of Lading countersigned by the Undersigned.

Optional Cargo will be carried on unless notice to the contrary be given to-day.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

This steamer brings on cargo—
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" " "Kong Ring" from
" " "Christiana
" " "Lisboa" from Setubal
" " "Göteborg" from Göteborg

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd Dec., 1913. [1096]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

s.s. "MANCHURIA,"

From SAN FRANCISCO, JAPAN
PORTS and MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel having arrived consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their bills of lading for counter-signature and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge will be landed into the Company's godown at West Point at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo undelivered by Wednesday, December 31, 1913, at noon will be landed into the Company's godown at consignee's risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered Monday, January 5, 1914 at noon in addition to the landing charges will be subject to storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be subjected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown Saturday, January 3, 1914 at 10 a.m.

No claim will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All claims must be filed on or before January 29th, 1914 otherwise they will not be recognized.

R. C. MORTON,
Agent.

Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1913. [1111]

From PORTLAND, Or. and
PUGET SOUND Ports.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"O. FERD. LAEISZ"

Capt. O. Geissel, having arrived, consignees are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on SATURDAY, 3rd January, 1914 at Noon will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s Godowns.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 10th Jan. 1914 at Noon, will, in addition to landing charges, be subject to storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo to be left on board or in the Godown; the examination of same to be held on FRIDAY, 9th Jan., at 10 a.m.

Claims must be accompanied by short delivery notes or list of exceptions taken at the time of delivery to Consignees and signed for and on behalf of the H.A.L.

All claims must be filed on or before the 15th Jan. 1914 otherwise they will not be recognized.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 29th Dec., 1913. [1110]

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THE MONROE DOCTRINE

Lord Haldane Praises President Wilson.

In a noteworthy speech at the Thanksgiving Day banquet of the American Society in London, Viscount Haldane, the Lord Chancellor, proposing the toast of the President of the United States, spoke of the high ideals of Mr. Wilson and the expression of his policy. He also announced what may be regarded as the British Government's cordial attitude towards the Monroe Doctrine in its latest development. Lord Haldane said:

Before Mr. Woodrow Wilson became President he was a thinker and a moralist, and in studying his career what seems to one who looks at things detachedly is that he has not ceased to be a thinker and a moralist because he has become the holder of a great office and is a great statesman. Those things do not always go together but a distinctive characteristic of the remarkable man who holds the office at the present time of President of the United States is that he presents the spectacle of something out of the way—a combination of gifts and possessions which is not usual.

It seems to me that Mr. Wilson typifies the inspirations and ideals which he has expressed to the world. It is not merely his firm declaration that the policy of the United States is not a policy of conquest or annexation. That we respect profoundly, because we know its deep meaning ourselves. A country like the United States, with its enormous possessions, its tremendous wealth and power, has burden enough to carry without adding to its responsibilities, and that is our own case also.

Nor is it merely that when the United States intervenes it is not for personal advantage. It is, I think, about ninety years since President Monroe sent his famous message to Congress, containing what is known as the Monroe Doctrine. The Monroe Doctrine remains to be completed, and it seems to me—looking on as though to divine the true inwardness of what was in the mind of the President of the United States in the declarations which he has recently made—that, just as his Government in the days of Monroe assumed a great responsibility for the protection of the nations south of the United States on the great American continent, so to-day the United States feel that the responsibility must be extended to securing good government and fair treatment for all those who live and trade in those countries. My interpretation is that the United States is ready to accept responsibility, not merely for insuring good government and good treatment in the interest of her own subjects, but in the interests of the world at large, so that all who live and trade on the great American continent may feel that she has set before her a high ideal, to secure for them equally with her own subjects that justice and righteousness of which President Wilson has spoken.

I am not sure that anybody ought to speculate from the outside on the interpretation of this policy, but I have been deeply impressed with what passed recently, and I think myself at liberty

to speak to you of the interpretation which I put upon it; for, if it be true, then indeed a high spirit and aim has been brought into the policy of the United States Government in its dealings with adjacent countries.

It is because the present President seems to me to have taken this step—a step which one cannot but admire, whatever its consequences may be—that I give the toast, "A health, not merely to Mr. Woodrow Wilson, the President of the United States, but to Mr. Woodrow Wilson the man."

MANILA OFFICIAL'S DEATH.

Killed by Natives in Java.

Dr. O. B. Robinson, assistant of botanist of the Bureau of Science, at Manila, has met his death at the hands of natives of the island of Amboina, east of Java, according to a cablegram from Governor General Denburg of Java. The details of the murder were not given in the brief statement, which comes from Bortezorg, Java.

The doctor, a man well known in Manila and recognized as one of the most efficient scientists of the Bureau of Science, had been in the Dutch possessions studying the flora for the purpose of verifying and clearing up certain work done by the Spanish almost two centuries ago, and also to make a comparative study in a field where the flora is very similar to that in the Philippines. He had been sending in reports and information of amazing extent and of immense value. In another month, upon the change of season, he was intending to come back to Manila.

Dr. Robinson had been with the Bureau of Science four years. He was first with the Bureau for over two years, when he resigned and returned to the States. Later he was reinstated and returned to the field work where he so recently met his terrible fate. He is a Canadian and unmarried.

One M.P. for 60,000 Voters.

The new registers of the Parliamentary electors in the eight country divisions of Essex show that the voters number 199,235. Romford, the largest single-member constituency, has 60,138 Parliamentary electors, an increase of 2,256 on the year. Walthamstow, with 44,465, has an increase of 864. The Southend division, with a total of 29,722, has increased by 1,060. Two divisions show decreases, the Harwich division having ninety-nine and Saffron Walden eleven fewer voters than last year.

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In place we have introduced a new competition, in the form of a guesser full of sweets, every cash purchase of \$5.00 worth of goods at any one of our stores from 1st to 31st December 1913, being entitled to guess the total number of sweets in a jar, the figure guessed being entered on a coupon duly signed by us, handed to the purchaser.

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POST OFFICE.

New Year's Holidays.

To-morrow the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. in the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each on Saturdays.

There will be a delivery of registered correspondence during the morning of the 27th inst.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

1st of January being a holiday, mails per Express of Russia will be closed at 6 p.m. to-day.

In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from the South before 10 a.m. to-morrow, the parcels will be ready for delivery from 5 to 5 p.m. on that day. If the steamer arrives after that hour they will not be ready for delivery until 9 a.m. on the 2nd Jan.

The United States mails, ex Nila, have been transferred in Japan to the Eastern which is scheduled to arrive here to-day.

The Egypt, with the English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, 28th inst., at 9 a.m. and is due to arrive here to-morrow, at 8 a.m. This packet brings the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all-sea route, on the 28th ult. and for despatch over-land on the 3rd ult.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Dec. 13 Shanghai Dec. 29

MAILS DUE.

American, Eastern, (ex Nila) 31st inst. English, Egypt, 1st Jan.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per RHESUS, 31st Dec, 5 p.m.
Swatow—Per CHOWTAL, 31st Dec, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver (Europe) via Siberia—Per EXPRESS OF RUSSIA, 31st Dec, 5 p.m.
Japan via Kobe—Per KITANO MARU, 31st inst, 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Japan via Yokohama—Per TUPANAS, 1st Jan, 8 a.m.
Fort Bayard, Halphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per HUI, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per KORBEE, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per LU-HOW, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.
Hohow and Bangkok—Per MICHAEL JESSEN, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per EGYPT, 1st Jan, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China—Per KANGSING, 1st Jan, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 2nd January.

Shanghai and North China—Per KING-SING, 2nd Jan, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India via Bombay—Per E. P. FERDINAND, 2nd Jan, 3 p.m.
Straits and India via Calcutta—Per DUNERA, 2nd Jan, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3rd Jan.

Jessellton, Kudat and Sandakan—Per BORNEO, 3rd Jan, 8 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per EASTERN, 3rd Jan, 10 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, India, Western Australia, India, Egypt, and Europe via Suez (Late Letters 11 a.m. to noon; Extra Postage 10 cents) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail (Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—The Parcel mail will be closed on Friday the 2nd Jan, 5 p.m.—Per HIMALAYA, 3rd Jan, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 3rd Jan, 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-YANG, 3rd Jan, 5 p.m.

Tsingtau, Wei Hai Wei, Chefoo, Delat and OREONGSHING, 3rd Jan, 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China, Tsingtau, (Europe via Siberia)—Per OHENAN, 3rd Jan, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, 5th Jan.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAI-TAN, 5th Jan, 10 a.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per EASANG, 5th Jan, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per KOON-SHING, 5th Jan, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, 6th Jan.

Halphong, Pakhoi and Saigon—Per KUEICHOOW, 6th Jan, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States and South America via San Francisco, (Europe via Siberia)—Per MANCHURIA, 6th Jan, noon.

Shanghai and North China—Per LIANG-CHOW, 6th Jan, 3 a.m.
Philippine Islands—Per OHINHUA, 6th Jan, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 7th Jan.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, B.C., Tacoma—Per MEXICOMAR, 7th Jan, 11 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Haiyang, Br. ss. 1,363, A. A. Hodgins, 31st inst.—Swatow, 30th inst., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Kitano Maru, Jap. ss. 8,512, 31st inst.—London, 22nd Nov., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Dumbea, Fr. 3,000, Mages, 30th inst.—Saigon, 28th inst., Gen.—M. M. & Co.

Zafiro, 1,449, F. S. McMurray, 30th inst.—Manila, 27th inst., Gen.—G. T. & Co.

Loong Sang, Br. 1,039, W. G. O. Leach, 30th inst.—Manila 27th inst. Gen. J. M. & Co.

Monmouthshire, Br. ss. 3,187, F. G. P. Poolerton, 30th inst.—Singapore, 23rd inst., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Rhesus, Br. 6,704, A. G. R. Paddle, 30th inst.—Liverpool, Gen.—B. & S.

Trikosan Maru, Jap. ss. 1,994, K. Takawa, 30th inst.—Mojil, 24th inst. Coal—Suzuki & Co.

Kachidate Maru, Jap. ss. 2,129, Matsutomo, 30th inst.—Karatsu, 24th inst. Coal—O. S. K.

Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. ss. 2,478, K. Shunzu, 30th inst.—Wakamatsu 24th inst. Coal—M. B. Y. K.

E. Franz Ferdinand, Aus. ss. 3,983, P. A. Leon, 30th inst.—Shanghai 27th inst., Gen.—S. W. & Co.

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Elbeth for Wakamatsu China for San Francisco Yokohama Maru for Seattle Alabama for Chiuwantao E. Sang for Canton Miyo Maru for Bangkok Haiching for Foochow Shaoching for Canton Ho Sang for Macao Wingsang for Halphong Tjipansang for Yokohama G. Apent for Calcutta Triumph for Halphong Shaoching for Shanghai

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

December 31.

Georgilfor Macao Dumbel for Yokohama Kwangsee for Shanghai Delvora for Obo Mitsui Maru for Kwang Yen Hand for Halphong Monmouthshire for Yokohama E. of Russia for Vancouver Luclov for Shanghai Kitano Maru for Yokohama Wakamatsu Maru for Wakamatsu Michael Jensen for Bangkok Rhesus for Yokohama

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

December 31.

The D. P. B. ss. EMPRESS OF INDIA was on the 29th inst. Midday 1,305 miles from Yokohama, was due to arrive Yokohama on the 3rd January, a.m. and leaves Yokohama on the 4th January, at noon.

The silk shipped from Hongkong by the C. P. B. ss. EMPRESS OF ASIA on the 4th inst., reached New York on the 27th instant.

TIDE TABLE.

29th Dec., to 4th Jan., 1914.

	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
	Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time	Mean Time
Mon. 30	10 44	4 42	11 50	5 28
Tues. 31	10 48	4 46	11 54	5 32
Wed. 1	11 52	4 50	12 58	5 36
Thurs. 2	11 56	4 54	1 02	5 40
Fri. 3	12 00	4 58	1 06	5 44
Satur. 4	12 04	5 02	1 10	5 48
Sund. 5	12 08	5 06	1 14	5 52

in morning. a afternoon.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 31st at 11.35.—Pressure has increased slightly to moderately over the western portion of the map which is now covered by a strong anticyclone.

A depression has formed to the east of Japan.

Strong monsoon is indicated along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.90 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbour- N.E. winds, fresh to strong; fine.
hood
2 Formosa Channel..... Strong N.E. gale.
3 South coast of China be- The same between H.K. and Lamook as No. 1.
4 South coast of China be- The same between H.K. and Hainan as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register. 31st December, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
W'ootook	7a	30.22	3	no	1 b	
Namuro	6a	29.73		ene	4	
Hakodate	"	29.77		nw	4	
Tokio	"	29.85		nw	2	
Kochi	"	30.27		n	2	
Nagasaki	"	30.47		n	2	
K'aima	"	30.43		nw	3	
Osaka	"	30.40		n	6	
Naha	"	30.44		n	6	
Ishijima	"	30.49		n	4	
Bohai Is.	"	30.10		w	3	
Chefoo	"	30.49	29	nw	4 ob	
W'haiwei	"					
Shanghai	"					
Changhai	"	30.72	18	w	1 b	
Shanghai	"	30.59	27	nw	5 b	
Guttsalf	"	30.64	49	e	1 b	
Sharp P.	7a	30.64	49	e	1 b	
Amoy	6a	30.54	48	49	no	b
Swatow	6a	30.52	44	45	n	2 b
Taihuok	5a	30.63		e	6	
Taihuok	"	30.43		n	6	
Tainan	"	30.42		no	4	
Kashan	"	30.43		no	10	
Canosa	3a	30.61	39	73	n	2 b
H'kong	6a	30.53	46	34	nne	2 b
Gap Rock	"	30.47		nne	6 b	
Macao	"	30.51	46	n	3 o	
Wuchow	9a	30.70	48	71	nw	1 bz
Fakhoi	"					
Hohow	"					
Phu Lien	6a	30.54	52	ne	3 b	
Tourane	"	30.57	64	ne	7 f	
C. St. J.	"	30.11	68	nne	2 o	
Apurri	"	30.27	67	n	4 d	
Manilla	"	30.10	71	n	0 o	
Lepanto	"	30.08	74	nne	2 o	
Iloilo	6a	30.07	78	n	1 o	
Boacelo	"	30.04	85	nw	1 or	
Cebu	"	29.98	82	e	2 b	
Labuan	"					

T. F. Claxton, Director. Hongkong, Observatory, Dec. 31st.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p shower, s squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

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Hongkong, 31st Dec. 1913.

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